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Mr. Robert W. Grabb
Chief, Habitat Management Division
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor
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Dear Bob:

On behalf of Cumberland County and its regional coalition, I am pleased to submit our application for establishment of the Cobbs Creek Reservoir in Cumberland County, Virginia. Cobbs Creek Reservoir will be a significant undertaking for the regional partner communities, and we are fully committed to meeting our responsibilities to our citizens to provide a reliable long-term supply of drinking water and protect our natural resources. These goals have been paramount in the conception and design of this project.

We are well aware of the importance of regional water supply planning and have utilized our best efforts to comply with the proposed regulatory requirements of the Department of Environmental Quality. We have also been mindful of the recent efforts of the Virginia General Assembly and Governor Warner to address the important issue of regional water supply planning. We have designed a project which is adequate for our needs and provides important ecological and recreational benefits to the James River.

It is our hope that you will carefully review our application, ask us the important questions, and work with us to meet our responsibilities to the citizens of our communities and the Commonwealth.

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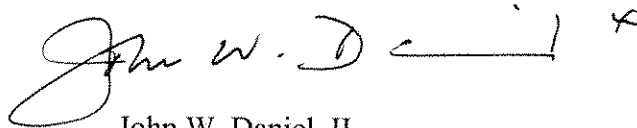
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We look forward to consulting with you as you consider our application, and we look forward to the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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John W. Daniel, II

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert G. Burnley